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STILL ON HEELS OF GERMANS

Foch and Haig Make Smashing Drive South-east of Amiens.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 8.—In their offensive on the front east of Amiens to-day, the British have taken Habner wood, Dodo wood, and probably have possession of the towns of Marcelcave and La-Motte-en-Santerre.

The line attacked this morning extends roughly from the neighborhood of Morlancourt, about three miles and a half southeast of Albert, to the Aube Valley, south of Moreuil.

Details of the fighting are coming to the rear slowly. "Going fine" constitutes the best available information. The British launched their attack in a mist after only three minutes of artillery preparation.

British attacked over a 12-mile front on both sides of the Somme. They gained all their objectives within four hours and have captured a considerable number of prisoners and guns.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—According to news reaching here this afternoon a considerable number of villages have been captured in the French-British offensive.

According to advices French and British forces have advanced at some points to a depth of more than three miles in Picardy sector.

ON THE FRENCH FRONT IN FRANCE, August 8.—A combined attack by the French and British was begun at dawn to-day along the front between Albert and Montdidier. Satisfactory progress was made despite strong enemy resistance.

The assault began exactly at dawn along a front of between 40 and 50 kilometres and a success was scored immediately. The British advanced toward Cerisy-Gailly, on the south side of the Somme east of Saily-Laurette and Marcelcave. The French advanced at the same time in the direction of Demuin and Aubercourt.

Around Morisel and Moreuil the German resistance is terrific.

Along the French front the artillery preparation lasted for forty minutes, after which the troops left their trenches with wonderful dash. Before 8 o'clock considerable progress had been recorded and all first objectives had been attained.

Celebrated His Eightieth

The eightieth birthday of Jacob Linn, sr., was celebrated at his home in Liberty township last Monday evening with a 6 o'clock dinner and a fine social time. Mr. Linn is one of the county's most successful farmers and has a host of friends, as attested by the great gathering at his home. Mr. Linn was born in Germany, but came to this country with his parents in 1872. A feature of the assemblage to do him honor was the presence of his six sons and their families and his four brothers and their families.

GAS COMPANY GRANTED RAISE

Council at an adjourned meeting Tuesday evening passed a pending gas ordinance raising the price of natural gas from 35 to 50 cents a thousand feet. The proposed artificial gas ordinance and franchise will be threshout later. The people of the town should watch this franchise business and see that they are not bound hand and foot to the Lima Gas Co. and unable to extricate themselves. They have been buying newspaper space to boost their game, showing that it is worth something. Maybe it is worth something to the people of Celina.

Marshal Duncan was granted the use of a buzz wagon to make the rounds during fair week. He should also be given a trailer to haul the drunks to the city jail. Hoosier outcasts will be found floating over the border in large numbers and should be provided for.

The fire committee was authorized to dispose of the old fire team and present unnecessary fire apparatus. The clerk was also given power to issue an order in the sum of \$2,000 to the Wm. Cron Sons Co. for the new motor fire truck.

DESTROYERS SUNK; NEARLY 100 LOST

Details of the Sinking of a British Hospital Ship.

London, Aug. 6.—Two British torpedo boat destroyers were sunk by enemy mines, according to an official statement by the British admiralty. Five officers and 92 men were lost, according to the statement.

The vessel which was torpedoed Saturday morning near a British port while bringing wounded men to England from France was the Warilda. Total number missing is 123. These are as follows: Two military officers, a command in Queen Mary's Auxiliary corps, Corporal Buchanan, an American soldier, and others.

The American officers are Captain J. T. Beatty and Lieutenant H. T. Hubert. The officers were saved. The fate of the privates is uncertain. The official report indicates that two of them were saved. After being torpedoed the ship remained afloat for two hours and a quarter.

Immediately after the explosion five boats were launched, but before they could be cleared they were smashed and many of their occupants were drowned. Destroyers rushed to the spot where the submarine was seen to submerge and dropped depth charges.

Fare and a Half For State Fair.

Washington, Aug. 6.—Persons who attend the Ohio state fair the last week in August will be allowed a railroad fare of one and one-half fare round trip. This information is contained in a letter written to a United States senator by Garrett Fort, assistant to Director General McAdoo.

Pulls Out of Race.

Lima, O., Aug. 3.—Receiving a commission in the United States medical corps, with the rank of captain, Dr. A. H. Herr, former representative from Allen county in the state legislature, announced his withdrawal as a candidate for lieutenant governor on the Republican ticket.

Drowns in Tank of Oil.

Caldwell, O., Aug. 6.—Carl McKee, 12, son of Arthur C. McKee, was drowned in a tank of oil. The boy was employed by the lease and is supposed to have been leaning over the tank and to have been overcome by gas from the oil.

Jabbed Wilson's Portrait.

Toledo, Aug. 7.—Christ Christ is under arrest on a charge of having jabbed a pocket knife into a portrait of President Wilson and remarked that Germany ought to win the war.

More Nurses Wanted.

Cleveland, Aug. 6.—Telegrams calling attention to Surgeon General Gorgas' new request for 1,000 nurses a week for overseas duty have gone out from the lake division bureau of nursing here to all Ohio Red Cross nursing committees. So far this year Ohio has furnished 537 graduate nurses for active Red Cross service and is far below its 1918 quota.

Nitroglycerin Explodes.

Circleville, O., Aug. 7.—James D. Mulligan of Bremen, O., was killed near Leisville, 10 miles east of here, when an auto truck load of nitroglycerine exploded. The explosion occurred when the truck, carrying 52 cans of the explosive, struck a depression in the Lancaster pike at a bridge. Mulligan and the car were blown to atoms.

CORNER-STONE TO BE LAID SUNDAY

The corner-stone of the new house of worship of the Church of God, in the west end of town, north of Market street, which is now in course of construction, will be laid next Sunday, at 2:30 p.m., with proper ceremonies.

The church and Sunday-school will meet at the tabernacle at 2 o'clock and go to the new building together in a body. At the ground the following program will be rendered: Song, "The Solid Rock." Scripture reading—Selected. Prayer—Rev. F. H. Snively. Solo—B. F. Weaver, of Findlay, O. Address—Rev. S. D. Harlan, Ohio City, President of State Standing Committee.

Song, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord." Short addresses—In behalf of the citizens, Judge C. S. Younger; in behalf of the Ministerial Association, Rev. Horn. Laying of the corner-stone by the pastor, Rev. W. E. Turner. Prayer by Rev. Harlan. Song, "How Firm a Foundation." Benediction.

A cordial invitation is extended to all the Churches of God in the county to attend this service; also all the citizens of Celina and surrounding community, with all pastors of churches.

CROWDER REVISES MAN-POWER BILL

Broadens Provisions For Exemptions From Draft.

PROTECTS WAR INDUSTRIES

Would Prevent Induction Into the Army of Many Men Performing Essential Work at Home and Yet Not Actually in Industrial Occupations—Chamberlain Would Probe Officials' Charge of Front.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Provost Marshal General Crowder, who appeared before the senate military committee to discuss the man-power bill, said that the greatly increased ages of men affected would make it necessary to modify the present exemption provisions.

Senator Chamberlain asked why there was such haste now to have the draft bill passed. General Crowder told the committee that he did not know the reason for the haste, but that he was merely carrying out orders to get the men for military service.

Broader provisions for exemptions have been written into the bill so that the nation's war industrial fabric may not be upset by unduly large withdrawals of men over 32 years of age for military service. General Crowder explained that he had deemed it advisable to substitute the words "occupations and employments" for the word "industries," used in the existing law, in the section affecting industrial exemptions. This would make possible a more liberal interpretation of the law and prevent the induction into the army of many men performing essential work at home and yet not actually in industrial occupations.

Senator Chamberlain said it was the purpose of the committee to investigate "the apparent change of front" on the part of war department officials. "The committee desires to ascertain," said the senator, "why they are in such a hurry now to have this draft bill passed, when before they said there was no hurry." When the question of extending the draft was before congress in connection with consideration of the army appropriation bill, Secretary Baker and other war department officials told congressional leaders that a change in draft ages was undesirable until an enlarged army program being worked out could be presented to congress.

FELL IN BIG BATTLE ON MARNE SECTOR

Ohioans in Latest Army and Marine Casualty Lists.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Casualties in the army and marine corps overseas aggregated 963, bringing the total since the reports from the fighting in the Marne-Alsace sector began coming in from General Pershing's headquarters to 1,678.

Seven army lists given out during the day contained 317 names and two marine corps lists had 146 names. The total of killed in action given in both the combined lists was only 112, with 22 dead of wounds. There were 442 severely wounded, 339 wounded, degree undetermined; one slightly wounded, one prisoner and 40 missing in action.

Names of Ohioans appear in the latest casualty lists as follows: Killed in action—Private Bruno Korasiewicz, Berea; Corporal Charles C. France, Akron; Private

George Jackson, Hicksville.

Severely wounded—Henry Dele, Columbus; Emil Kassel, Toledo; Adam Burns, Celina; John Hunsacker, St. Marys; Joseph C. Stickney, Cincinnati; Andrew Fetick, Cincinnati; Frank J. Michalevitz, Toledo; Elton W. Reed, Delaware; Lieutenant L. G. Andrews, Wauseon; Nicola Deangette, Columbus; Mervin Dickens, Cincinnati; Fred D. Davis, Alliance; John Lawrence, Cleveland; Daniel Melnicki, Akron; Eddie Osborn, Cincinnati; George D. Tompkins, Delaware; Howell E. Williams, Cleveland; John A. Bugaj, Toledo.

Marines: Wounded severely—Mike Usalia, Cleveland; Joseph L. Burns, Cincinnati; William A. Sweeney, Cleveland; John F. Keller, Cleveland; Gordon N. Selby, Middletown.

Liquor May Be Barred.

Washington, Aug. 7.—The railroad administration is considering abolishing the sale of liquor on all railroad property, including dining cars and hotels or restaurants maintained at stations. Information on the number of bars and the method by which they are managed is now being gathered.

Arm Ground Off.

Marysville, O., Aug. 5.—The left arm of William Smart, aged 18, was ground off in a machine at a lime kiln.

Get a Banner Fair Premium List

Call at this office and get a premium list and see what you can do to make your fair more interesting. They can be had for the asking. Get busy.

SAVE YOUR AMMUNITION

Celina water consumers are warned by the water-works department to stop the waste of the precious fluid. The pressure is very low now, and the hot, dry weather is making matters worse. Should fire break out there would be little water to fight it with.

SEVENTEEN MORE LADS OFF TO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY

A great crowd of people seen the seventeen selects off on the Cincinnati Northern yesterday for Columbus Barracks. The pioneer meeting, which drew hundreds of people to town in spite of the torrid weather, augmented the vast assemblage at court-house park to witness the exercises in charge of Mendon and Union township citizens, who surely covered themselves with glory. The program outlined was finely carried out and the crowd showed its appreciation at every turn. There is one thing sure, the people of the county never tire in showing the boys that they are back of them and there is nothing too good for them.

Mendon and Union township people are patriotic through and through. Their boys are fired with that spirit, too. They have more volunteers in the service of Uncle Sam than any spot in the county. They fill many important positions, and they are winning them, on their merits.

Following was the program of the afternoon's exercises:

Music—Celina Band. Song—Red Cross Quartet, Mendon. Invocation—Rev. J. F. Slough. Musical offering—By the Scouts. Address—Rev. F. G. Boroff. Patriotic song by the audience. Presentation of comfort kits by Mendon-Union township ladies' Red Cross. Presentation of souvenirs by Mendon and Union township citizens.

Local Briefs

Rev. Turner, chairman of the Mercer county dry federation, was at Columbus this week attending a meeting of the state organization.

Daniel Fennig, residing near Wabash, was in town yesterday arranging for bills for a public sale he will have on the 28th. He contemplates moving to this city.

Adam Fleator, a furniture factory employee, had his left hand injured last Friday, necessitating the amputation of the end of his thumb. This is the second accident that Adam has met with recently.

Clyde Myers and Henry Gilbert, their enthusiasm heated by fire-water, got into trouble during the celebration Saturday night and had to be taken care of by Marshal Duncan. At their hearing Monday evening Myers was given \$5 and costs. Gilbert was discharged.

G. F. Roebuck, of Rockford, arrested last week on the charge of assault and battery, preferred by a Mrs. Herr of that place, was brought here for a hearing before Justice Rice. Roebuck pleaded not guilty and was bound over to court in the sum of \$200. Bond was given.

Sano! Eczema Prescription is a famous old remedy for all forms of Eczema and skin diseases. Sano! is a guaranteed remedy. Get a 35c. large trial bottle at the drug store. adv.

Have you enlisted in the army of savers for your country and yourself? Buy War Savings Stamps.

BIG BANNER FAIR ALMOST IN SIGHT

But one more week intervenes between now and Banner Fair week, the dates of which are August 19 to 23.

The management are now busy every day preparing for the big county event. While nothing will be lacking of the usual and regular fair attractions, many and intensely interesting new features resulting from war conditions will be introduced, and while we are on this subject we want to again remind mothers of children, the latter of whom are of pre-school age, of the measuring and weighing test to determine whether the physical development of the child is normal—all of which is free.

Then there is patriotic day—Wednesday—when Frank B. Willis and A. P. Sandies will deliver addresses in the forenoon program. Don't miss it!

Negotiations are on for a most wonderful special attraction for the entire course of the week, the acceptance of which is momentarily expected. Meanwhile other fine attractions have been optionally secured and are being held pending developments.

As far as the ever popular race program is concerned, the prospects were never better. Many entries have been made, and all lines sure of being filled, including the ever popular half-mile dash or running race.

Special efforts should everywhere be made to make patriotic day a big event in attendance, commensurate with the program to be presented.

WM. WILEY, Sec'y.

THE GRIM REAPER

Rev. Albert Voag, a widely known priest, died at St. Joseph's hospital at Ft. Wayne last Saturday. The deceased was born in Germany in 1847, but came to this country when a young man. He was educated for the priesthood at Carthage and was ordained at Cincinnati in 1879. During his long pastorate he filled the pulpits at St. Sebastian, Maria Stein, Philotha and St. Rose, and at the time of his death was chaplain of the Sisters convent at Frank O. Funeral services took place at Carthage last Tuesday, Very Rev. Hindealing acting as celebrant.

Frank P. Hinton, aged 70 years, for many years a resident of Liberty township, and at one time serving the county on the board of infirmity directors, since abolished, died at the Toledo State hospital last Saturday. He had been in that institution but a few days. For some time his health had been failing, and for several months he had been making his home with his son, Sheriff Ora Hinton, of Wapakoneta.

The past year was full of misfortune for Mr. Hinton, losing his wife by death, the destroying his barn shortly after and then his home. The deceased was born in Ross county, but came here some fifty years ago.

He is survived by two sons and three daughters—Ora Hinton, of Wapakoneta; Thomas Hinton, residing west of this city; Mrs. Dillon Smalley, Mrs. Lawrence Siler and Mrs. Whitehead. Funeral services were held at Liberty chapel, near his old home, last Monday.

Leo Edward Karch, the ten-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Karch, of Washington township, died yesterday morning. Funeral services (Friday) afternoon at Swamp College church, with Rev. Emch, of Ft. Recovery, officiating.

Among Soldier Lads

Tony Hemmert, of this city; Edward Kramer, of Colwater, and Wm. Lemartz, of Victoria, left last Monday for Syracuse, N.Y., where they have volunteered for limited service as guards.

William Myers, Dwight Davis and Roy Seiter volunteered their services yesterday in response to a call received by the local draft board Wednesday for teen young men to enter the mechanical school at Cincinnati.

Herbert Kriemendahl, Edwin Kistler, Edward Mesarvey, Chas. Reisen, Oscar Romerill, Edward Strab and Clyde Ford, registrants in this year's draft, have volunteered and will leave for Kansas City, Mo., next Thursday to attend a motor mechanics training school.

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday-school at 9 a.m. If you are looking for a cool place for bodily comfort and for spiritual edification, you will find it here.

Divine service at 10:30 a.m. Text of sermon, Luke 18, 9:14; theme, The Acceptable Prayer.

Evening service, 7:30 p.m. Note the change of time from 8 to 7:30.

A special meeting of the church council will be held after the evening service. The Luther League chorus will meet at the Washington township Lutheran church next Tuesday, at 8 p.m.

BIG DOINGS AT C. E. CAMP NEXT WEDNESDAY

Wednesday of next week will be picnic and visitors day for the various C. E. organizations. All juniors and friends and parents are invited to come to camp for the day and enjoy a picnic dinner, in the word passed down the line by Pastor Snively of the Church of God.

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HUNS WEARY SUB WARFARE

LONDON, August 7.—Rumors of a revolt by German sailors at Wilhelmshaven in protest against continuation of the submarine war are in circulation, according to a dispatch to the Express, from Amsterdam. It is reported that propagandists among the men incited sailors about to leave on submarine cruises to attack their officers and surrender their ships or seek an opportunity to sink them and get themselves interned in neutral harbors. More than 50 submarines are said to have disappeared. Twenty-three of the ringleaders of the revolt were reported to have been arrested and sentenced to death. Many others have been arrested at Kiel and elsewhere, it is added.

The correspondent who sends the reports admitted that the stories are conflicting and the facts difficult to ascertain.

The recent resignation of Admiral von Holtzendorff as chief of the naval staff is declared to have been caused by the trouble. Emperor William, it is added, has abandoned an intended visit to the fleet at Wilhelmshaven this week because of the ferment there.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF WAR

Allied forces during the week wiped out the great salient between Soissons and Rheims, on the Aisne front, in which terrific fighting has been going on for two weeks. Numerous towns and villages have fallen into the hands of American, French and British forces operating on this front. In addition thousands of prisoners, hundreds of guns and large quantities of war material have been taken. The German retreat continues unabated, with the allies in close pursuit.

Apparently the situation now has resolved itself into a race for the northern bank of the Aisne river by the Germans, who have been evicted from strategic points along the Vesle river, in the center of the line and directly east of Rheims, which seemingly renders necessary that they put the Aisne between themselves and their pursuers as quickly as possible in order to escape further large losses of men made prisoner.

Just how large this bag of captives is at present can not be reckoned, but unofficial advices from Paris assert that when the figures are made public they will thrill the allied world. General Pershing, in his communication, says the Americans alone have taken 8,400 prisoners and in addition 133 guns.

The Americans and French have succeeded in taking from the Germans the important town of Fismes, once Germany's great ammunition and supply depot, midway on the railway between Soissons and Rheims.

To the east at a number of places along the Vesle river the French have crossed the stream, driving the enemy northeastward. East of Soissons allied troops have negotiated the passage of the Aisne to the northern bank of that stream where they are in a position to harass the enemy as he endeavors to straighten out his line in conformity with that running northwestward.

The fighting along the Vesle river was of a sanguinary character as long as it lasted. With the river at the feet and the Germans unable to

ford it, they stood with their backs to it and gave battle for their lives. A majority of them were killed and the remainder were made prisoner. One of the most important maneuvers north of the Vesle was the penetration by the French to the village of La Neuville, which releases the German hold on the northern outskirts of Rheims and seemingly delivers the cathedral city from the German menace.

With the Germans now thoroughly vanquished thus far on the Soissons-Rheims salient, eyes are being turned to the regions in the northwest on both sides of Amiens. Here the French and British are keeping up their hard pressure against the armies of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria and have forced them on two highly important sectors to retreat. Southeast of Amiens, on the old Montdidier sector, the Germans have fallen back across the Aube river a wide front, while northwest of Amiens, in the region of Albert, a similar retrograde movement has been made across the Ancre. The German official communication, in admitting the withdrawal near Albert, declares the maneuver was carried out without interference by the British.

WAR REVIEW

7890\$ Aug. 6.—The Germans are imposing strong opposition to the further advance of the allied troops along the Vesle river from the east of Soissons to the region west of Rheims, and the allied advances has slackened. The main force of the enemy continues to make its way toward the Aisne. Americans and French troops forced the swollen Vesle river at several points and engaged the enemy.

Aug. 7.—An entire battalion of German infantrymen and machine gunners was wiped out by American machine gunners protecting a position on the Vesle river, west of Fismes. The Germans at the time were getting into position to attack a group of American bridge builders. German troops north of the Somme river stormed British positions along the Corbie road and took 100 prisoners.

MAY MAKE WAR AGAINST JAPAN

Bolshevik Government Considering a Declaration.

STEP NECESSARY, SAYS LENINE

Japan Ready to Adopt Suitable Military Measures to Combat the Austro-German Menace in Siberia. Present Concerted Action May Act as Sedative on the Situation in Russia.

London, Aug. 7.—According to a dispatch from Moscow, the Bolshevik government in Russia is considering a war declaration against Japan.

Premier Lenine, the message adds, has up to this time been opposed to such action, but it is believed that Russia "will be compelled to declare war, notwithstanding the fact that the people are opposed to any new war."

General Count Kirchbach has arrived at Kiev and assumed his duties as successor to Field Marshal Hermann von Eichhorn, who was assassinated late in July.

Premier Terauchi, in a statement at Tokyo concerning allied action in Siberia, said the Japanese government would take further military measures in case the position of the Czech-Slovaks demanded it. The premier also indicated that if the chaotic condition in Siberia continued the government might find it necessary to adopt suitable military measures to combat the Austro-German menace in the far east.

Count Terauchi explained that the present step had been in perfect accord with all the allies. He hoped, he said, that it would mark the beginning of a new era of peace and order in Siberia. If it should be necessary for the allies to dispatch allied troops and arms, the country must be prepared to meet the emergency.

It is predicted in well-informed circles that the present concerted action by the allies in Siberia will act as a sedative on the situation and possibly result in Siberia's finding herself at an early date with a government sufficiently strong to control the situation as far as the Ural mountains.

"YANKS HAVE NO BRAINS; WON'T QUIT," SAYS HUN

New Castle, Pa.—"The American soldiers have no brains because they don't know when to quit." That was the observation made to Capt. H. C. Harper of this city, a member of Pershing's army of more than a million, by a German prisoner. "The Hun told me," he writes, "that France is fighting for her existence, England for her honor, but that America wants nothing only to kill Germans."